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57/47. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The General Assembly,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] in which heads of State and Government resolved to strengthen further cooperation between the United Nations and national parliaments through their world organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

Recalling also its resolution 56/46 of 7 December 2001, in which it welcomed the ongoing efforts to explore ways in which a new and strengthened relationship might be established between the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs on the one hand and the Inter-Parliamentary Union on the other and encouraged Member States to continue their consultations with a view to adopting a decision thereon during the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 3 September 2002,[2] which takes stock of cooperation between the two organizations over the past twelve months,

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General of 26 June 2001,[3]

Taking into consideration the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union of 1996,[4] which provides the foundation for current cooperation between the two organizations,

Recalling the unique inter-State character of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Inter-Parliamentary Union to provide for a greater parliamentary contribution and enhanced support to the United Nations;

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] A/57/375.

[3] A/55/996.

[4] A/51/402, annex.

2. *Also welcomes* its resolution 57/32 of 19 November 2002, in which the Inter-Parliamentary Union was invited to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

3. *Decides* to allow the circulation in the General Assembly of official documents adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, on the understanding that no financial implications result for the United Nations and that this would not constitute a precedent for other organizations with observer status;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies to consider adopting similar modalities for cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the various aspects of cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

6. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure the full implementation of measures aimed at strengthening the relationship between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union".

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21 November 2002